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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02481.1702

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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**Bernward SCHÖLKENS et al.** ) Group Art Unit: 1617  
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Application No.: 09/645,556 ) Examiner: M. Bahar  
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Filed: August 25, 2000      )

For: PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS AND USE THEREOF IN THE  
PREVENTION OF STROKE, DIABETES AND/OR CONGESTIVE HEART  
FAILURE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Amendment

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2002, and accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. The period for response has been extended by three months to January 29, 2003, by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and corresponding fee. Please reconsider this application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 5 and 8-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please also amend claims 4 and 6 and add new claim 19 as follows:

*(B) Sub C*  
4. (Twice Amended) A method of preventing congestive heart failure in a patient not previously having congestive heart failure and who has an essentially maintained heart function, comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor.